

Testimony in support of: HB 6633

Co-chairs and member of the committee, my name is Nancy Goodwin. I am from the town of Portland and am writing in support of Fair Share Legislation, House Bill 6633. Connecticut is experiencing a housing crisis. This bill has the potential of creating over 135,000 affordable units over the next ten years. When I was growing up in West Hartford my entire street was small homes built for returning soldiers after WWII and these were very affordable. This is no longer the case for young families. By adopting the successful models in New Jersey and California we can supply the housing needed not only for young people, but also for seniors, and those of lower incomes. Lastly, the key factor in this legislation is making each community responsible for their "fair share" of housing needs and to fulfill those needs in a way that best suits that community. For all these reasons, I support Fair Share Planning and Zoning. Sincerely, Nancy Goodwin, Portland